कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की बड़े कोयला उपभोक्ताओं पर लेनदारी के रूप में बकाया राशियां

1020. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड और उसकी अन्य सहायक इकाइयों की देश के विभिन्न बड़े-बड़े कोयला उपभोक्ताओं पर लेनदारी के रूप में राशि बकाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1996 के अन्त तक इन बड़े कोयला उपभोक्ताओं पर कुल कितनी राशि बकाया थी;

(ग) इन बड़े कोयला उपभोक्ताओं के नाम क्या है और प्रत्येक पर कितनी-कितनी राशि बकाया थी;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त बकाया कुल राशि में बहुत बड़ी राशि विवादास्पद है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक उपभोक्ताओं पर विवादास्पद राशि की मात्रा क्या है और विवाद के मुख्य-मुख्य कारण क्या हैं,?

कोयला राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कान्ति सिंह): (क) से (ग) 31.3.1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार कोल इंडिया लि. (कोइंलि) तथा इसकी सहायक कंपनियों की कोयले की बिक्री से संबंधित कुल देय बकाया राशि 2962.26 करोड़ रु० की थी। उक्त तारीख को उपभोक्ता-वार देय बकाया राशि का ब्यौरा अनुबंधन में दिया गया है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 179 अनुपत्र सं. 20(क)]।

(घ) जी, हां।

(ङ) 31.3.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार उपभोक्ता- वार तथा कारण-वार विवादित देय बकाया राशि के ब्यौरे का एक विवरण अनुबंधता में दिया गया है।

Decline of trade between India and Russia

1021. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade between India and Russia has dropped considerably for the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve trade with Russia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b)Trade between India and Russia has shown a growth of 45% and 54% in rupee terms during 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively compared to the corresponding previous years.

Proposal to set up CMEPC for promoting employment of Indians abroad

1022. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council to promote the employment of Indian Personnel abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Emigration Act, 1983;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of workers given emigration clearance for contractual employment abroad from India for the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Govt. has not taken decision on the question of setting up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council to render promotional and advisory services.

(b) and (c) At present there is no such proposal.

(d) A statement indicating the emigration clearances/E.C.N.R. endorsements granted State-wise during the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Number of workers granted emigration clearances/ECNR endorsements, state-wise, during the years 1993, 1994 *and* 1995

State	1993	1994	1995
Andhra Pradesh	35,578	34,508	30,284
Assam	685	616	537
Bihar	7,518	6,785	5,867
Gujarat	13,742	12,802	12,182
Goa	1,702	1,571	969
Haryana	833	745	794
Himachal Pradesh	384	312	251
Jammu & Kashmir	815	632	567
Karnataka	34,380	32,266	33,496
Kerala	1,55,208	1,54,407	1,65,629
Madhya Pradesh	6,542	5,815	4,248
Maharashtra	35,248	32,178	26,312
Manipur	2	2	5

State	1993	1994	1995
Meghalaya	8	6	2
Orissa	3,528	3,612	3,685
Punjab	14,212	12,445	11,852
Rajasthan	25,243	27,418	28,374
Tamil Nadu	70,313	70,525	65,737
Tripura	2	2	-
Uttar Pradesh	25,115	22,815	18,932
West Bengal	2,821	2,020	2,278
Delhi	4,342	3,816	3,281
Pondicherry	115	87	52
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	-	-
TOTAL	4,38,338	4,25,385	4,15,334

Sale of rice by US company under the brand names of "Texmati" and "Tex Basmati"

1023. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some American companies are selling rice under the brand names of "Texmati" and "Tex Basmati" which may confuse customers of Indian Basmati rice; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Ricetec., Inc., USA has been selling American grown aromatic rice under the brand name "Texmati" in USA. The issue of mislabelling of rice in the USA has been taken up with Govt. of Unites States.

Ricetec. Inc., USA has filed an application for registration of trade mark "Texmati" with the Patents Office, Trade Marks Registry, U.K. Agricultural Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been directed to legally contest this issue and they have filed an opposition against the registration of "Texmati" with the competent authority in U.K.

Coffee under Open General Licence

1024. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to bring Coffee under OGL (Open General Licence);

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken;

(c) whether Government have taken into consideration the impact such a move will have on prices of coffee in the country;

(d) if so, the likely impact of such a move on coffee prices;

(e) whether coffee growers were consulted before taking this decision; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Appointment of Director (Technical) on the Board of NMDC Ltd.

1025. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dearth of mining engineers in NMDC Limited has led the management to recommend the appointment of Director (Technical) of other discipline;

(b) whether number of representations have been made to the Government for cancelling such proposed appointment of Director (Technical) on the Board of NMDC Limited;

(c) whether Government are yet to investigate into the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and if not, the reasons for appointing engineers of other discipline instead of mining discipline?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Appointments to the post of functional Director in Public Sector Enterprises under the administrative control of various Ministries/Departments are made with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) in accordance with the provisions contained in Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961 as amended from time to time. Public